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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
SECRETARY:

1. IN OUR VIEW, THE NEW DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IS A CONSIDER-
ABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE BELGIAN VERSION, ALTHOUGH IT
FALLS SHORT OF THE KIND OF PUBLICLY COMPELLING STATEMENT
WHICH WE FEEL SHOULD BE ISSUED AT A NATO SUMMIT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD MAKE STRONG EFFORT AT MAY 23
SPC SESSION TO SHARPEN LANGUAGE OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE.
YOU SHOULD DO SO ON BASIS OF NEW DRAFT, IF ALL OTHER
ALLIES ARE WILLING TO WORK ON THAT BASIS.

3. ON SUBSTANCE, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

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IN THE LATEST DRAFT:

-- THERE SHOULD BE SOME REFERENCE TO DISPUTES BETWEEN MEMBERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE CANDID WITH PUBLIC OPINION IN ACKNOWLEDGING PROBLEMS OF THE ALLIANCE IN THAT REGARD. ARTICLE I OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, AFTER ALL, REQUIRES SIGNATORIES TO SETTLE THEIR DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL

MEANS. MOREOVER, MINISTERIAL DECLARATION LAST DECEMBER (PARA 9) ACKNOWLEDGED EXISTENCE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

-- REFERENCE TO MBFR SHOULD BE EXPLICIT. WE APPRECIATE VALUE OF HAVING FRENCH ON BOARD. HOWEVER, FAILURE TO IDENTIFY MBFR COULD SUGGEST THAT ALLIES ARE LOSING INTEREST.

-- "GREATER FREEDOM...SECURITY" SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS OBJECTIVE TO BE SOUGHT IN TRANSLATING CSCE WORDS INTO DEEDS. THESE WOULD RESULT FROM FREER MOVEMENT, WHICH IS AN ALLIED INITIATIVE TO WHICH PUBLIC OPINION IN VARIOUS WESTERN COUNTRIES ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE.

4. FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES, YOU MAY WISH TO IDENTIFY OTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LATEST DRAFT AND UK DRAFT, EVEN ORIGINAL I.S. DRAFT, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS AS NEEDED TO COUNTER CHANGES WHICH OTHER ALLIES INEVITABLY WILL BE SUGGESTING AS THEY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

5. FYI: WITH SOME MODIFICATION, WE BELIEVE LATEST VERSION COMES CLOSE TO MEETING US REQUIREMENTS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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